

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An optical recording medium which comprises a print-receiving layer as the outermost layer on the side opposite to a light incidence side, wherein a pattern is present on the print-receiving layer and both the print-receiving layer and the pattern comprise ~~comprises~~ a cation resin.

Claim 2 (Original): The optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the entire area of the outermost layer consists of the print-receiving layer.

Claim 3 (Original): The optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the print-receiving layer is printable with a water base ink by means of an ink jet printer.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the print-receiving layer contains fine particles having an average particle size of at most 200 nm and is printable with a water base ink by means of an ink jet printer.

Claims 5-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the print-receiving layer comprises from 30 to 50 wt.% of fine particles of an inorganic substance.

Claims 18-25 (Canceled).

the pattern is present in the matrix of the PRL and cation resin present throughout the pattern

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Claim 26 (New): The optical recording medium of Claim 1, wherein the cation resin is selected from the group consisting of a cation modified product of polyacrylamide, a copolymer of acrylamide with a cationic monomer, a copolymer of a cation modified product of a tertiary amino group-containing (meth)acrylate with another monomer.

Claim 27 (New): The optical recording medium of Claim 1, wherein the cation resin comprises a copolymerized monomer selected from the group consisting of a vinylpyrrolidone monomer, a vinyloxazolidone monomer and a vinylimidazole monomer.

Claim 28 (New): The optical recording medium of Claim 1, wherein the cation resin is a copolymer of a tertiary amino group-containing (meth)acrylate and at least one other monomer.

Claim 29 (New): The optical recording medium of Claim 1, wherein the cation resin is present in an amount of from 3 to 15% by weight in the print-receiving layer.

Claim 30 (New): A method for producing the optical recording medium of Claim 1, comprising:

forming <sup>the</sup> a print-receiving layer having <sup>the</sup> a pattern as the outermost layer on the side opposite to a light incidence side of the optical recording medium.

Claim 31 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the pattern on the print-receiving layer is a pattern of concaves and convexes.

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Claim 32 (New): The method as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the print-receiving layer is formed by curing an ultraviolet-curing resin.

Claim 33 (New): The process as claimed in Claim 30, wherein the pattern is formed on the print-receiving layer by dividing the print-receiving layer into more than one area by colors.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes new Fig. 2.

Attachment: New Drawing Sheet

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-4, 17 and 26-33 are active in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended to require that both the print-receiving layer and the pattern comprise a cation resin. Support for the amendment is found on page 19, line 19 through page 21, line 1 wherein it is disclosed that the print-receiving layer may be formed of an ultraviolet-curing resin and on page 12, last line through page 13, line 9 wherein it is disclosed that the ultraviolet-curing resin may contain a cation resin. Claims 26-33 are new claims. Support for new Claims 26-28 is found on page 13, lines 10-25. Support for new Claim 29 is found on page 14, lines 12-15. Support for new Claim 30 is found on page 18, lines 9-20. Support for new Claim 31 is found on page 19, lines 5-21. Support for new Claim 32 is found on page 20, lines 18-26 and page 21, lines 15-23. Support for new Claim 33 is found on page 12, lines 15-27. The title has been replaced with a new Title. Figure 2 has been added as a proposed new Drawing. Support for the new Drawing is found throughout the original specification. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.